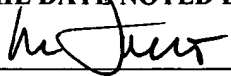


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97 et. seq., applicants, through and by their attorney, hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the documents enclosed.

A Form PTO 1449, Information Disclosure Citation, listing the enclosed documents is attached.

A copy of each listed document is enclosed.

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